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# GUTTED!



I MIGHT BE  
SUPERMAN...

...BUT WHEN A MYSTERIOUS GHOST  
SOLDIER PHASES KNIVES THROUGH  
MY CHEST SECONDS AFTER  
WE RESCUE A BUNCH OF  
SUBTERRANEAN PRIMATES FROM  
THE SOUL-DRAINING MACHINERY  
OF THEIR IMPERIAL OPPRESSORS...

...IT'S NICE TO HAVE A  
FRIEND FROM HOME  
WATCHING MY BACK.

YAAAAA!

THANKS,  
LANA.

# DEEP FREEZE

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OKAY.  
FOCUS.

PROTECT THE  
MIRACULOUS ENERGY  
GLOBE LANA RESCUED  
FROM SUBTERRANEA.

PROTECT  
LANA.

OBJECTIVES...

STOP  
BLEEDING  
TO DEATH.

BRZZZZTT

AND FIGURE OUT  
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH  
THE LITTLE GUYS.

I CAN KIND OF  
SYMPATHIZE.

IT'S  
ALL RIGHT,  
FELLA.

I'M A  
FRIEND.

THERE'S  
NOTHING  
TO--

AAAAAK!  
HAAAAKK!

THEY'VE JUST BEEN  
EXPOSED TO THE  
SUN FOR THE FIRST  
TIME IN THEIR LIVES.

OKAY. BIG  
TEETH.

BUT I CAN SEE  
THE MOLECULES  
OF EPINEPHRINE  
SURGING THROUGH  
ITS SYSTEM.

BLOOD'S DRAINING  
FROM ITS SKIN TO  
ITS MUSCLES.

IT'S TERRIFIED  
BY WHAT'S  
HAPPENING TO IT.

ALL IT NEEDS  
IS A LITTLE--

KRRRRRRRRRRRR

NO,  
BAKA!

Whine?

MY BIG, BLUE  
BUDDY JUST WANTS  
TO HELP...

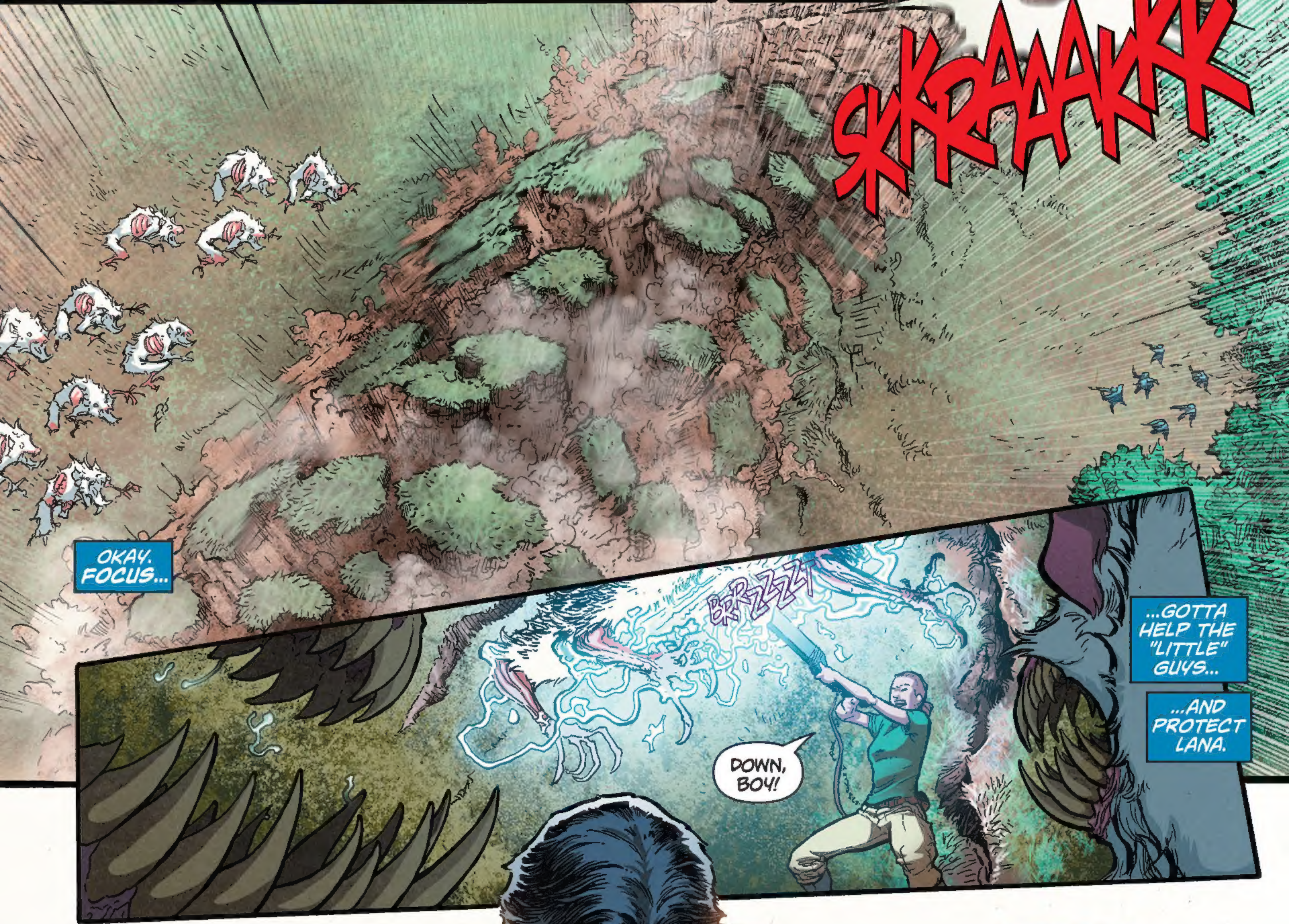
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TOUGH  
NEEDLE TO  
THREAD...

...BUT I'M  
SUPERMAN.

THIS IS  
WHAT I--





**SHHAAAANG**

**EEEEEE!**

**SHHANG**

**SHHANG**

YOU ALL  
RIGHT, MS.  
LANG?

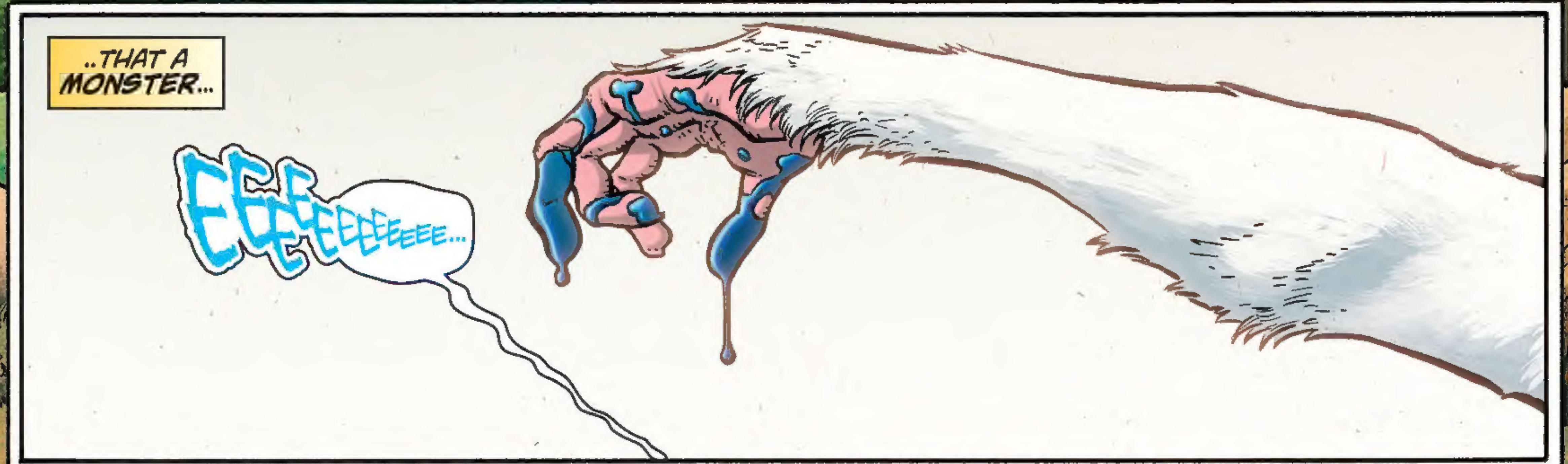




OH,  
NO.

SINCE I BUMPED  
INTO CLARK AGAIN,  
I'VE FOUGHT A LOT  
OF MONSTERS.

BUT I'VE  
ALSO STARTED  
TO LEARN...



..THAT A  
MONSTER...

EEEEEEEEEE...



...ISN'T ALWAYS  
WHAT IT  
APPEARS  
TO BE.

...EEEEP...\*

I'M  
SORRY,  
MS. LANG.  
BUT IF YOU  
WANT TO BLAME  
ANYONE...



...BLAME  
SUPERMAN.

CLARK SAYS  
NOTHING.



YOU PUSHED YOURSELF  
INTO A SITUATION YOU DIDN'T  
UNDERSTAND, BIG MAN.



BUT HIS KNUCK-  
LES CRACK AND  
MY EARS RING.

I SHOULD SAY  
SOMETHING...

OR ARE YOU  
GOING TO TELL  
ME YOU WERE  
GOING TO SAVE  
EVERYONE?





YES!

KRRRAAAA!

...BUT I'M  
RIGHT WITH HIM  
ON THIS ONE.





WHO DO  
YOU WORK  
FOR?

I'M FIGHTING  
STUPID.

HE CAN  
DODGE MY HEAT  
VISION...

...AND PHASE  
THROUGH MY  
PUNCHES.

TELL  
ME!

SO AS I YELL AND  
FLAIL, HE ZOOMS  
IN TO CUT MY  
HEART OUT.

WHICH IS  
RIGHT WHERE  
I WANT HIM.

WHOOOSH

TURNS OUT EVERYTHING  
ON THE PLANET IS MADE  
UP OF PARTICLES.

EVEN GHOSTS.

AND PARTICLES  
CAN FREEZE.



OF COURSE, SO CAN  
EVERYTHING ELSE.

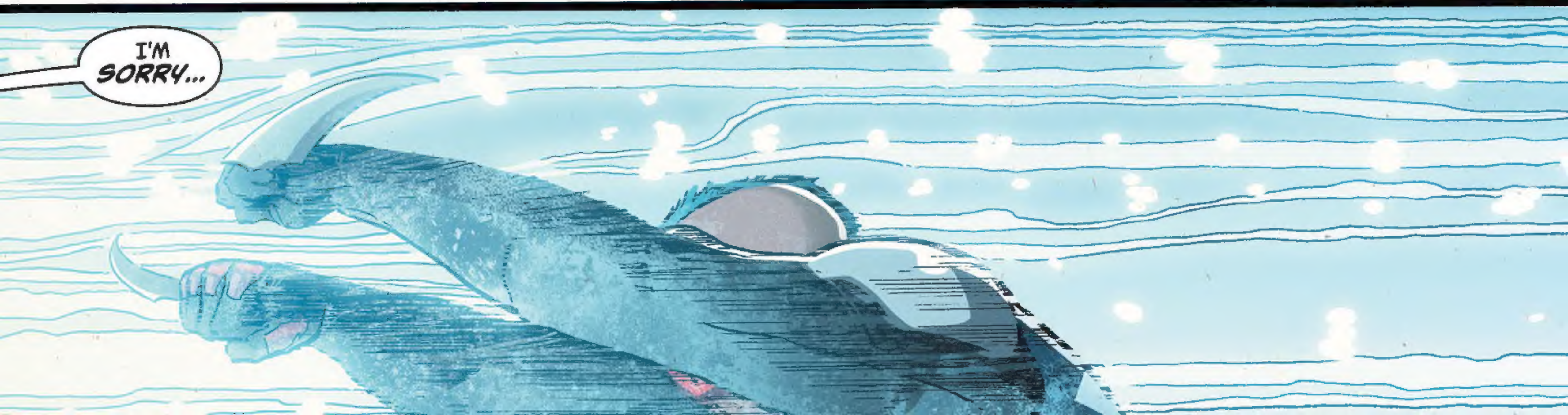
KAAAW!  
KAAAAN!



I'M SORRY.



I'M SORRY.



I'M  
SORRY...





...BUT I  
BLAME  
YOU.

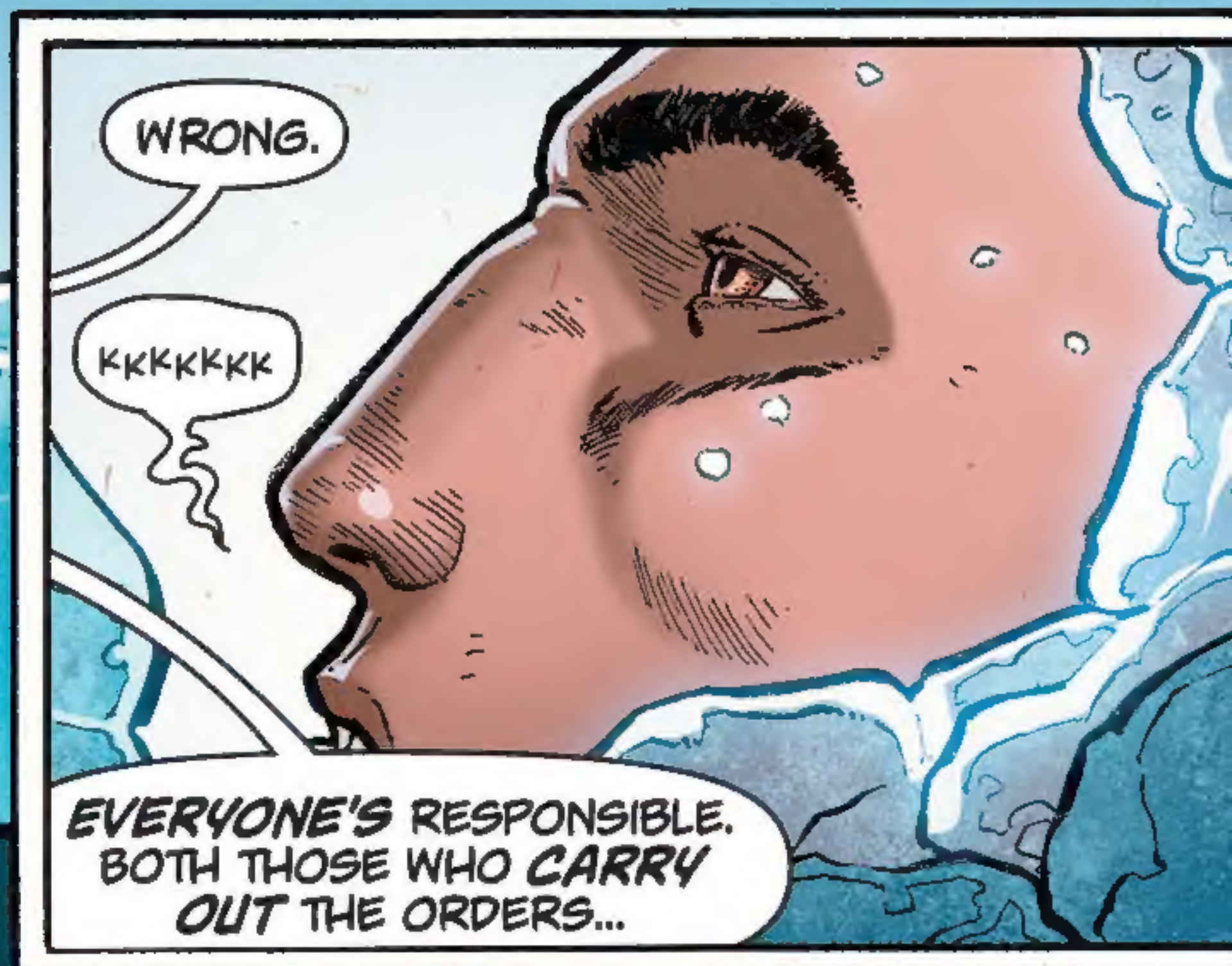


SPRANCH



YOU SAY YOU'RE  
A **SOLDIER**.  
LIKE THAT  
EXCUSES  
**EVERYTHING**  
YOU DO.

KRASH



WRONG.

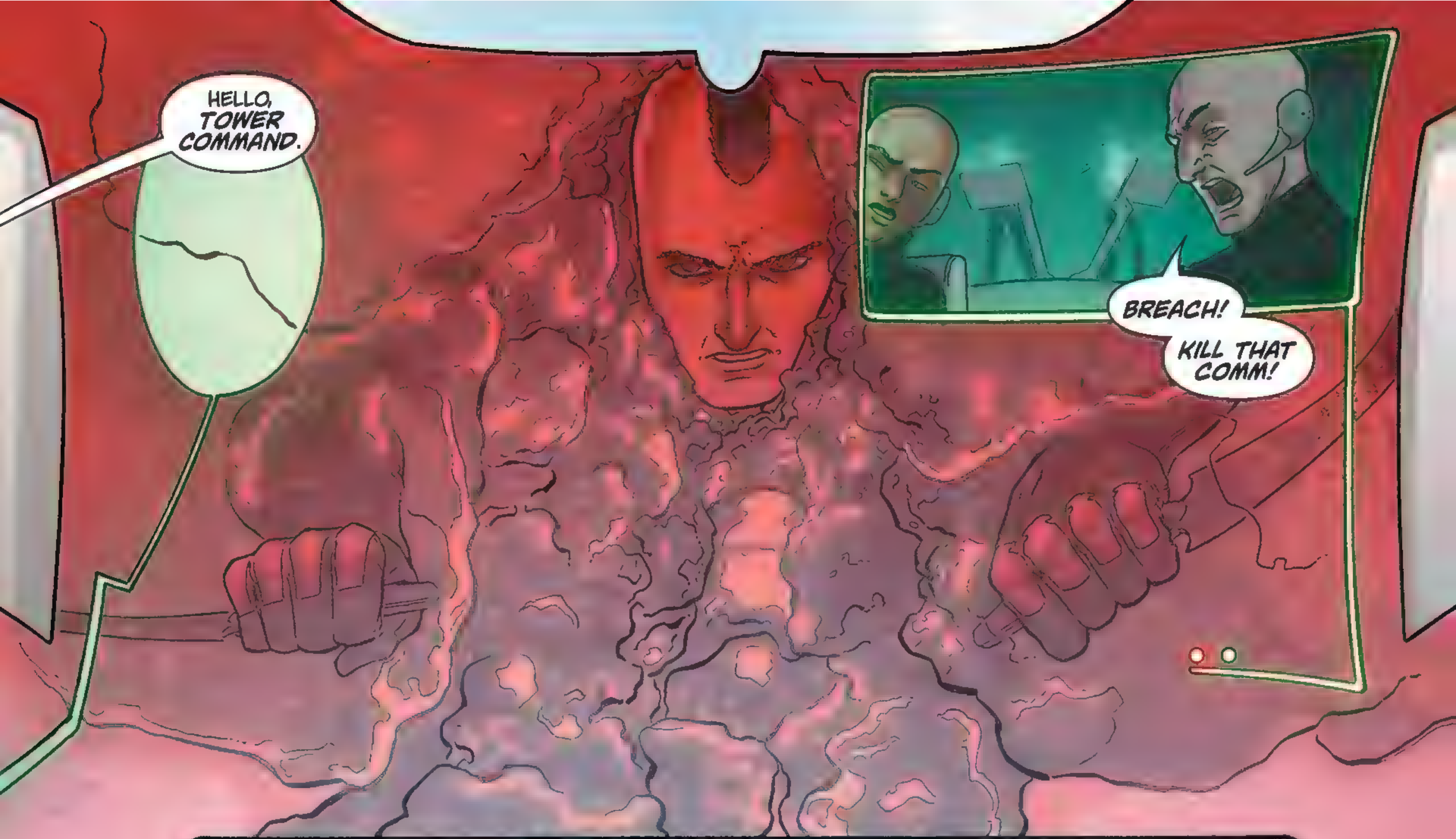
KKKKKK

**EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBLE.**  
BOTH THOSE WHO **CARRY**  
OUT THE ORDERS...



...AND THE  
ONES WHO  
**GIVE**  
THEM.







HE LOOKED JUST LIKE THIS THE DAY HE FOUND OUT WHAT THE O'BRIEN TWINS DID TO PETE ROSS'S NEW PUPPY.

I KNOW WHERE THE GHOST SOLDIER'S COMMANDERS ARE.

AND I'M GOING TO SHUT THEM DOWN.

OKAY... JUST...HANG ON FOR A MINUTE...

I NEED YOU TO WATCH OUT FOR BAKA.

WAIT, WHAT?

IT'S ALL RIGHT. BAKA LIKES YOU. RIGHT, BAKA?

WAIT... THIS IS... THIS IS TOO DANGEROUS.

YEEEEAH...

DON'T WORRY, MR. CHAVEZ. HE'LL DO WHAT LANA SAYS. I'LL BE BACK BEFORE--

HOLD ON ONE DANG MINUTE!

HER VOICE CRACKS LIKE A WHIP.

...AND SUDDENLY I'M TWELVE YEARS OLD AND DANNY O'BRIEN'S RUNNING DOWN THE STREET CRYING FOR HIS MOTHER

YOU...YOU'RE ACTING ALL...

CHAVEZ IS LISTENING. SHE'S TRYING NOT TO SAY TOO MUCH. BUT I GET IT.

ARE YOU...

...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

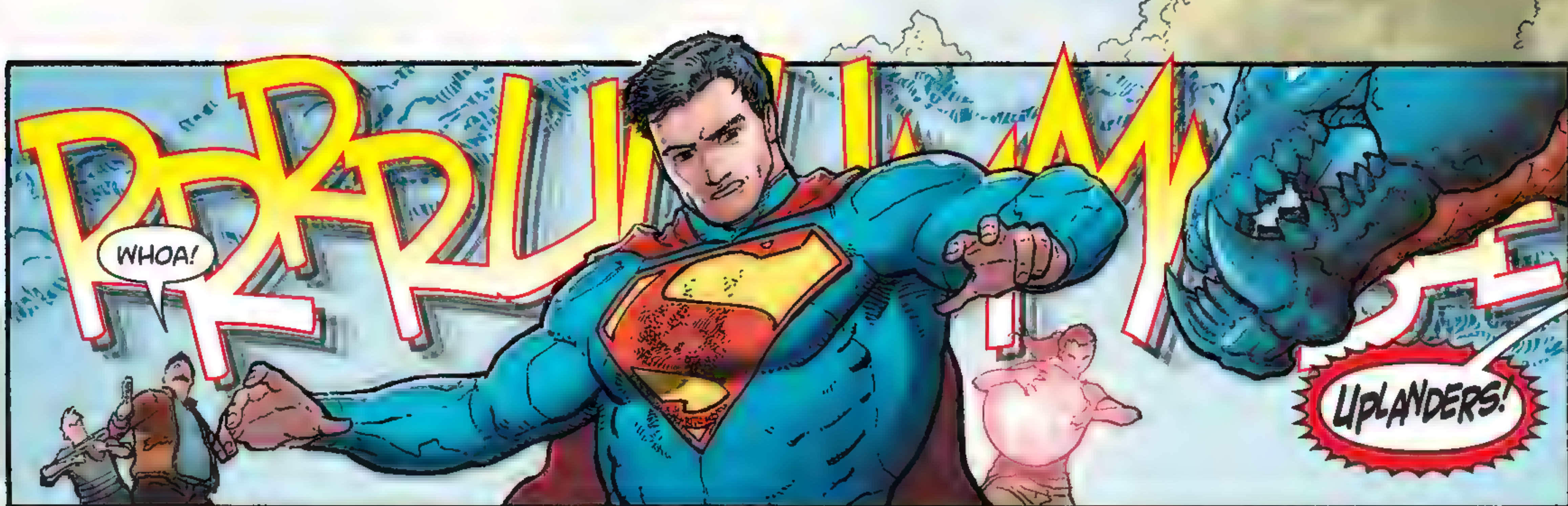
SHE'S THINKING ABOUT A KID NAMED CLARK KENT...

CRYING OVER A DEAD DOG.

PROBLEM IS, LANA.

...I HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL.





UKUR, THE  
BEASTLORD OF  
SUBTERRANEA.

BUT THIS TIME,  
HE'S NOT HERE  
TO FIGHT.

THE CREATURES  
YOU FREED! IF  
SUNLIGHT HITS  
THEM--

YES,  
WE KNOW,  
UKUR.

HNNN.  
SO...

...YOU  
KILLED  
THEM.



NO. WE  
TRIED TO  
HELP. IT  
WAS--

IT DOESN'T  
MATTER. IT  
JUST CONFIRMS  
WHAT I MUST  
TELL YOU.

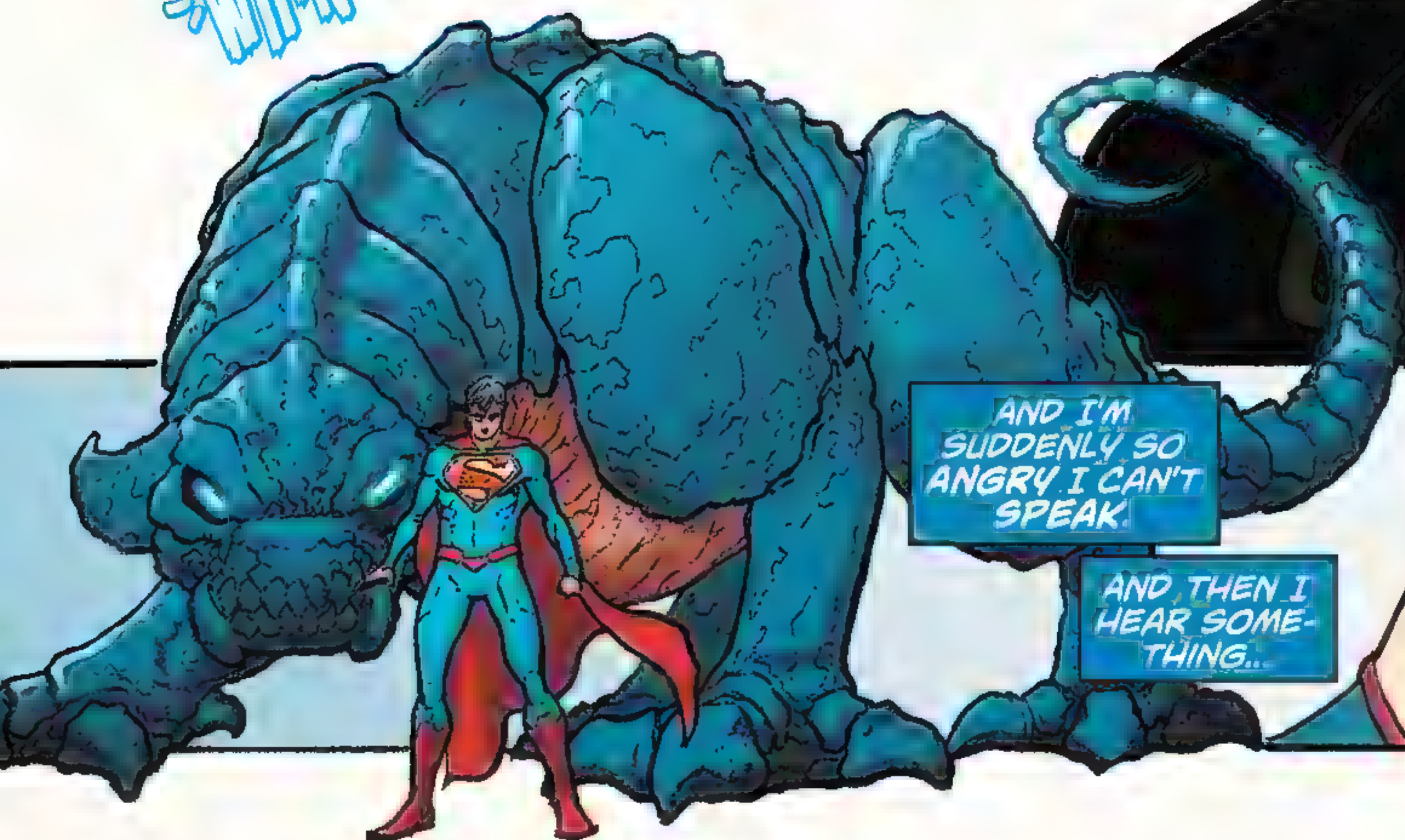
I'VE  
COME FOR  
BAKA.

HE DOESN'T  
BELONG UP  
HERE.

YOU KNOW  
IT. AND SO  
DOES HE.

BAKA CRINGES,  
TRYING TO HIDE ALL  
SIX TONS OF  
HIMSELF BEHIND ME.

WHINE??



AND I'M  
SUDDENLY SO  
ANGRY I CAN'T  
SPEAK.

AND THEN I  
HEAR SOME-  
THING...



...THAT MAKES  
IT A HUNDRED  
TIMES WORSE

UNMARKED  
MILITARY...

...WITH ENOUGH DAISY  
CUTTER BOMBS TO  
INCINERATE EVERYTHING  
WITHIN A HALF MILE

LANA. GET  
CHAVEZ'S MEN IN  
THEIR TRUCKS AND  
HEAD WEST. YOU  
NEED TO BE TWO  
MILES AWAY IN  
FIVE MIN-  
UTES.

HEY!  
ENOUGH WITH  
THE ORDERS!  
WE'RE HERE  
TO HELP--

SHE'S JUST  
WORRIED  
I SHOULD  
EXPLAIN...

...BUT I CAN'T EVEN  
BEGIN TO FIGURE OUT  
HOW TO TELL HER WHAT  
I'M ABOUT TO DO

LANA.  
YOU'VE GOT  
TO GO.

HE RAISES  
HIS VOICE.

HE ACTUALLY  
RAISES HIS  
VOICE AT ME.

SON  
OF A--

COME ON,  
LANG! HE'S  
SUPERMAN!  
LET'S GO!



DAMANT. EVERY-  
THING FEELS SO  
WRONG.

AND BAKA  
KNOWS IT.

HEY,  
BUDDY.

WHINE  
WHINE

I  
KNOW. I'M  
SORRY.

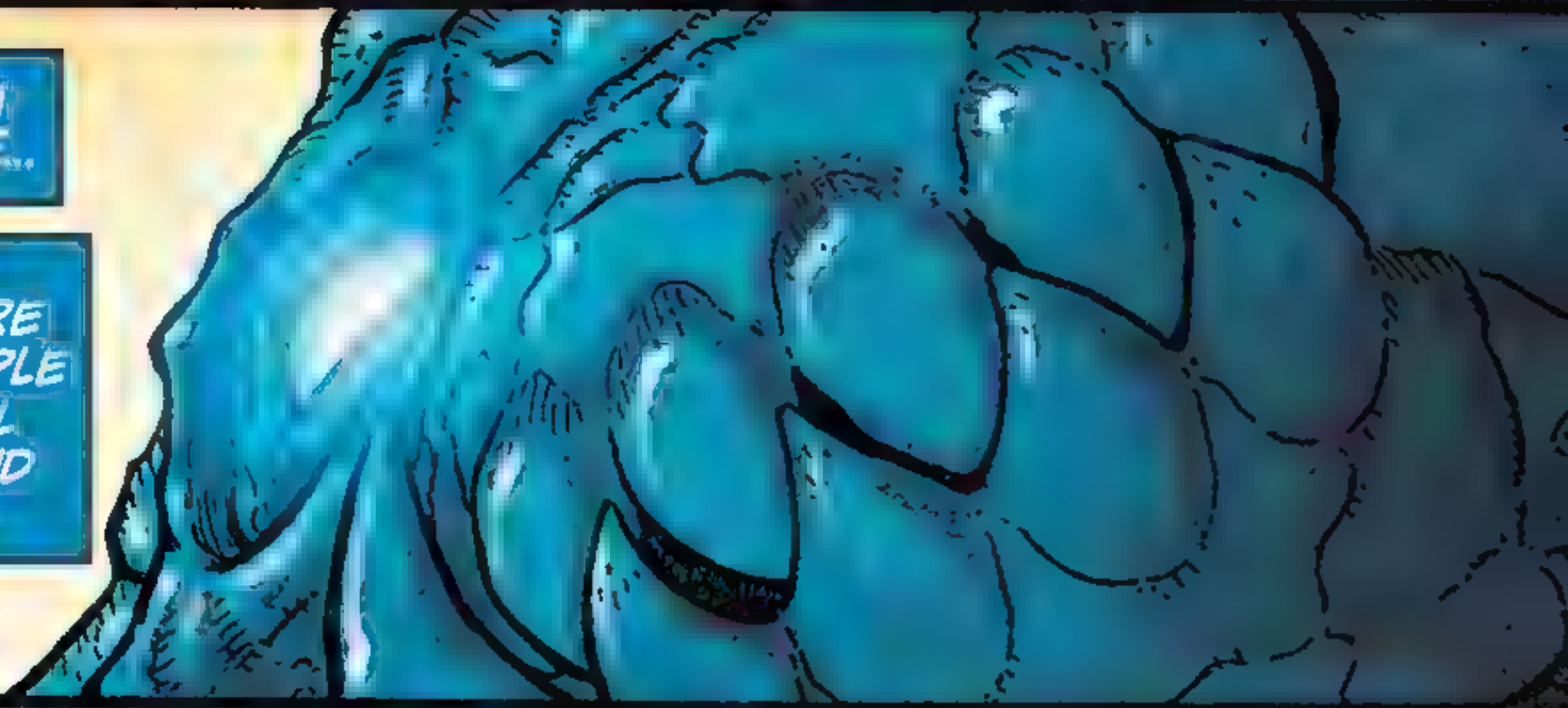
...TELLING HIM  
IT'S NOT SAFE...

...THAT NO  
MATTER WHERE  
HE GOES, PEOPLE  
UP HERE WILL  
HATE HIM AND  
HUNT HIM.



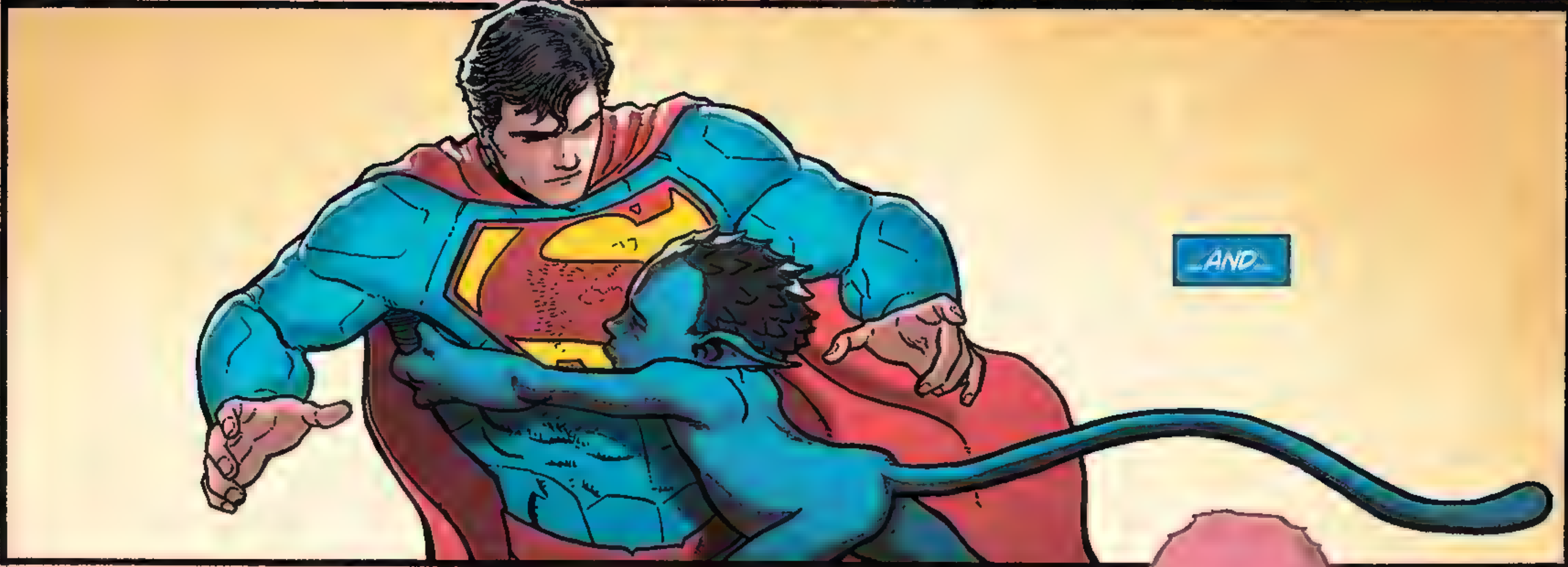
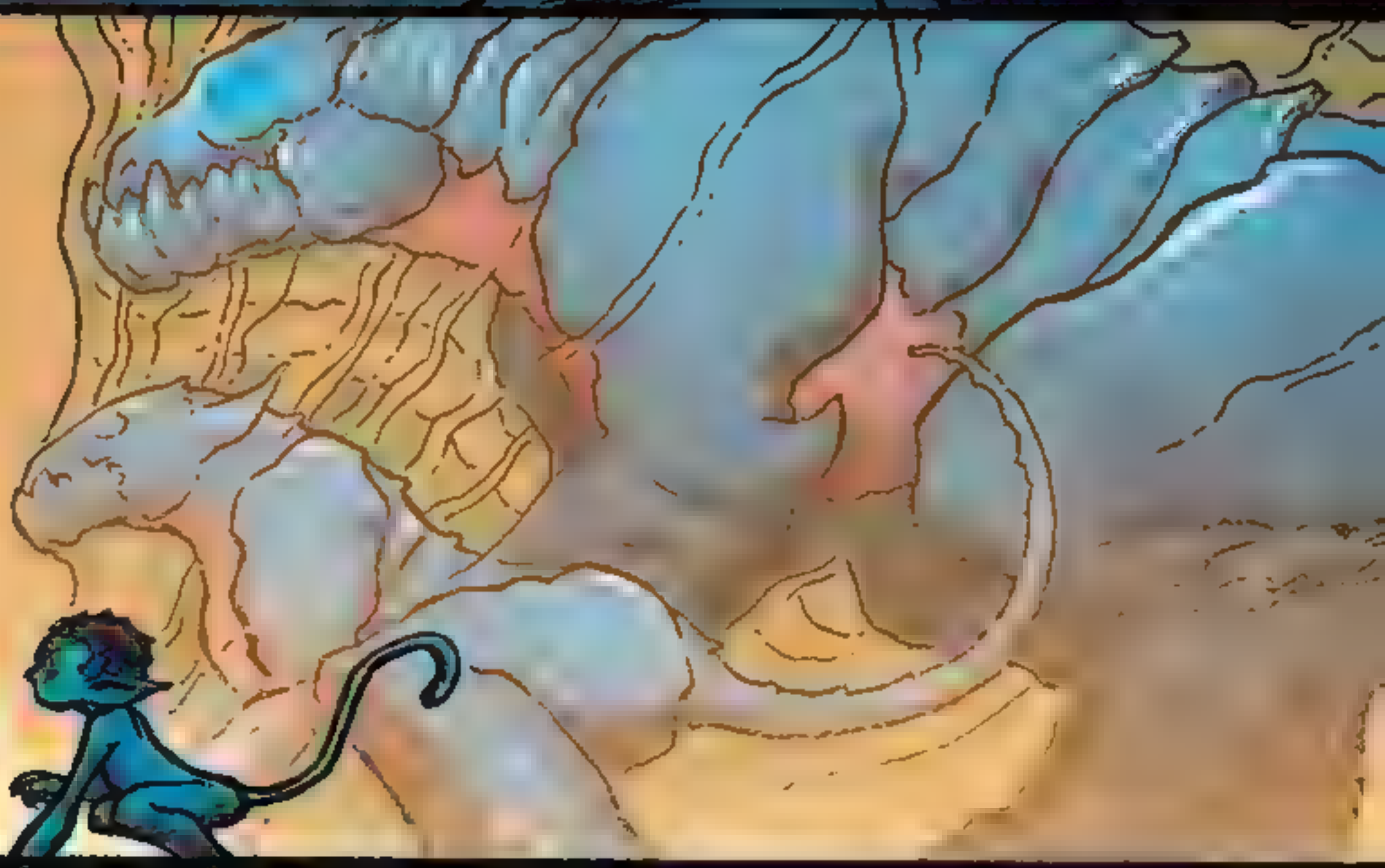
BUT YOU...  
YOU'VE GOTTA  
GO WITH  
UKUR.

I HEAR MY VOICE  
CRACK. BUT I  
PLOW ON...



BUT HE  
DOESN'T SAY  
A THING.

HE JUST  
STARES AT  
ME...



AND





I'M TALKING  
DON'T EVEN  
KNOW WHAT  
I'M SAYING.

HE DOESN'T  
LOOK INTO  
MY EYES.

AND WHY  
SHOULD HE?

I PROMISED.

I PROMISED  
I'D ALWAYS BE  
THERE FOR  
HIM.



UKUR...

I WILL BE  
BACK.

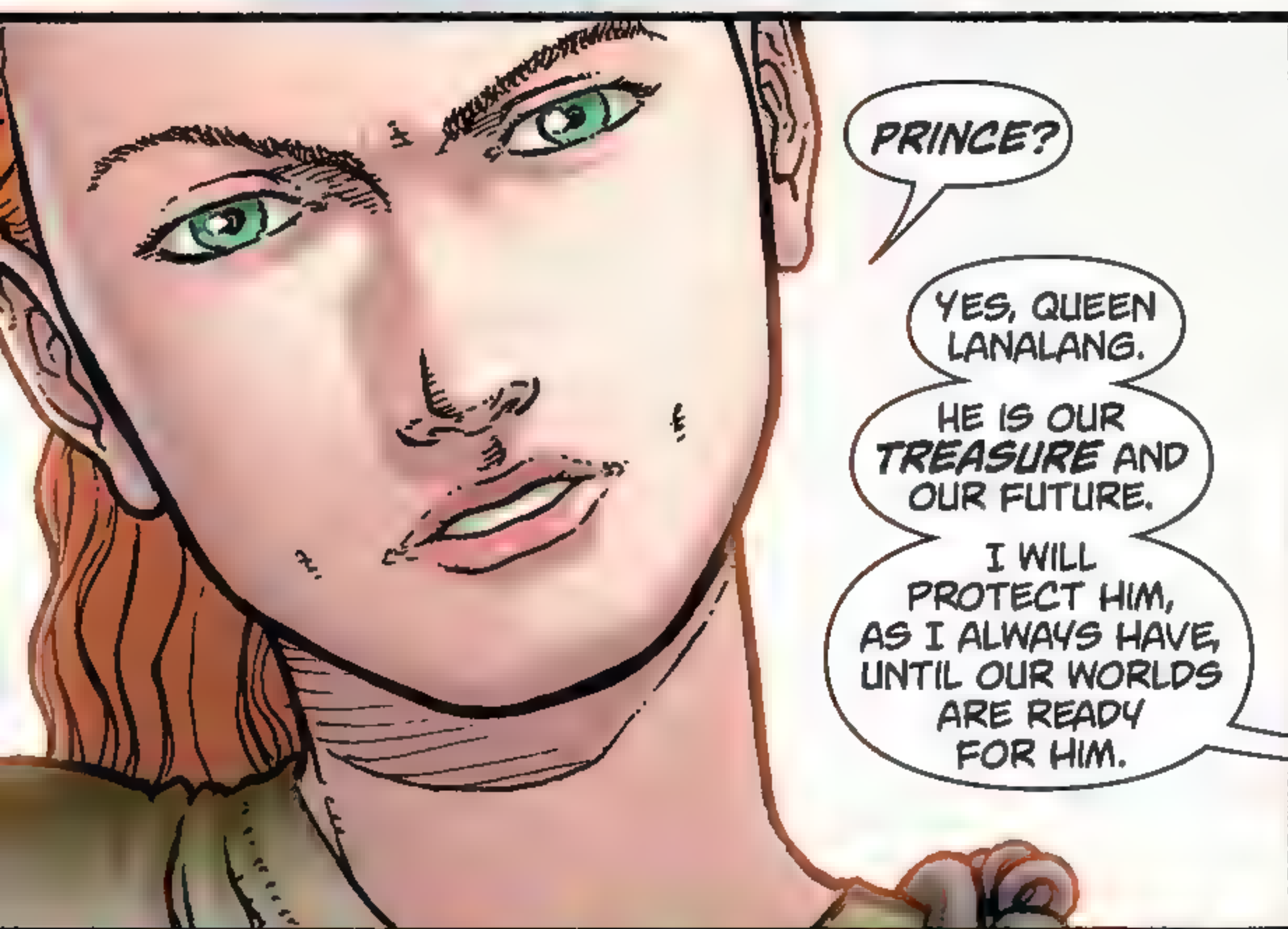
AND IF I  
FIND OUT THAT  
YOU'VE HURT  
HIM, IN ANY  
WAY....

...I  
SWEAR...



SAVE YOUR  
THREATS,  
UPLANDER.

I WOULD  
NEVER RAISE  
A HAND  
AGAINST THE  
PRINCE.

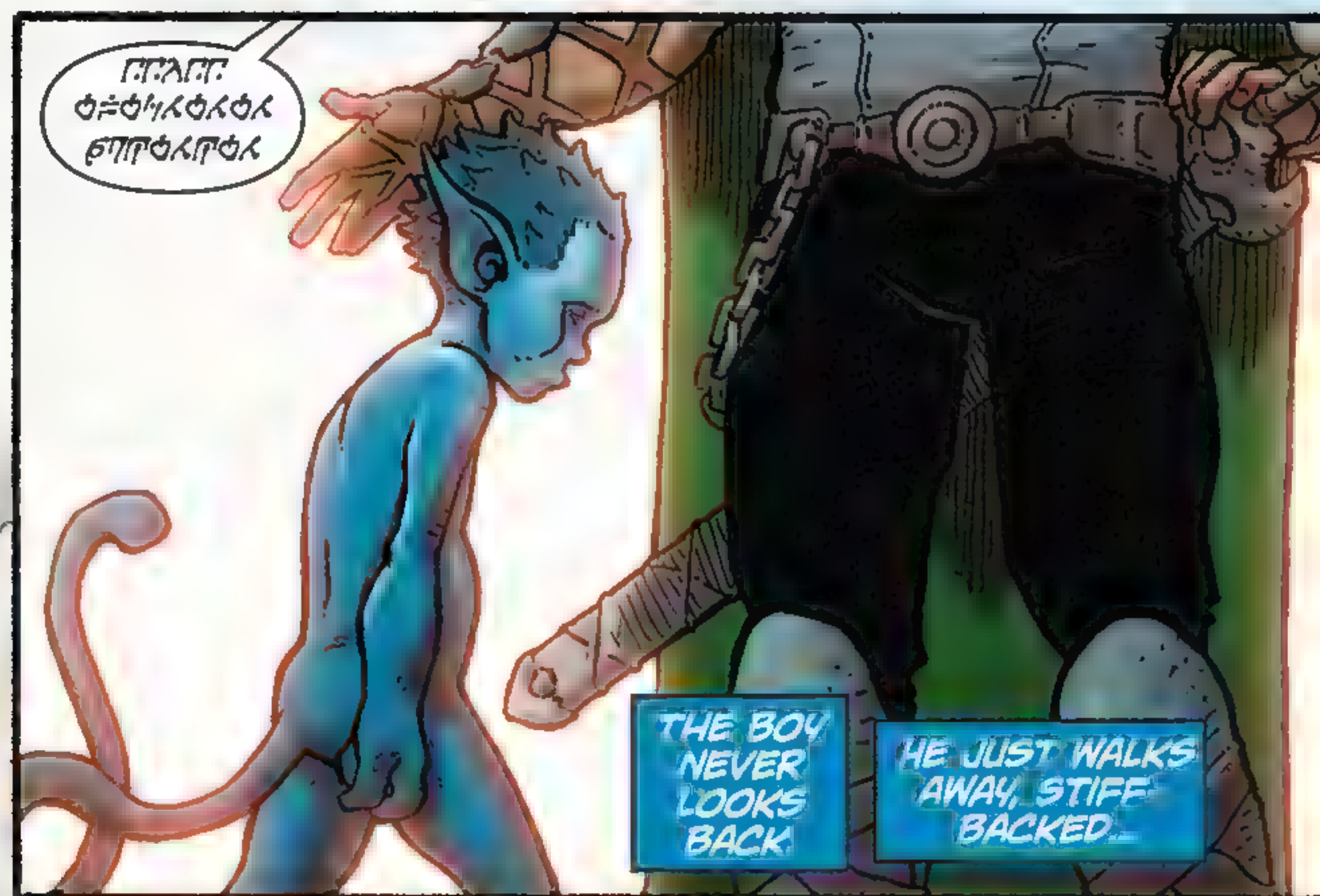


PRINCE?

YES, QUEEN  
LANALANG.

HE IS OUR  
TREASURE AND  
OUR FUTURE.

I WILL  
PROTECT HIM,  
AS I ALWAYS HAVE,  
UNTIL OUR WORLDS  
ARE READY  
FOR HIM.



PRINCE  
ΘΕΟΛΟΓΟΣ  
ΕΠΙΘΕΛΤΟΣ

THE BOY  
NEVER  
LOOKS  
BACK.

HE JUST WALKS  
AWAY, STIFF  
BACKED.



—AND BURIES HIS FACE  
IN HIS GUARDIAN'S  
SHOULDER.





THEY'RE A HALF  
MILE DOWN BEFORE  
HE FINALLY  
STARTS TO SOB.



CLARK...

THEY'RE TWO  
MILES DOWN  
NOW.

TURNING DOWN  
TWISTING GRANITE  
PASSAGeways.

CLOSING ANCIENT  
STONE DOORS.

SAFE.



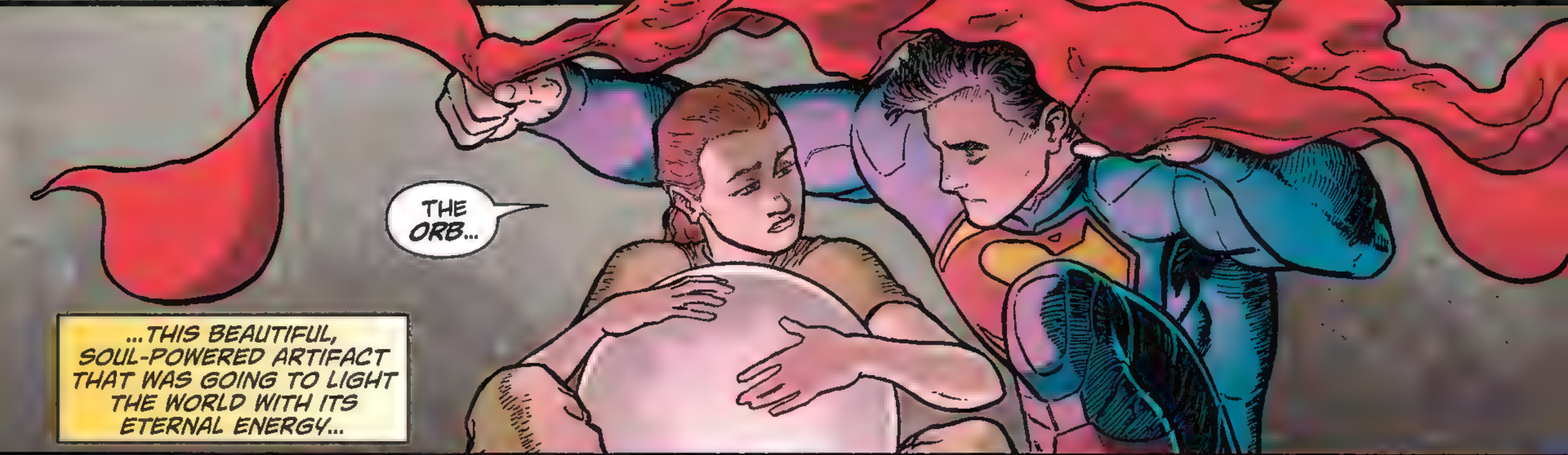
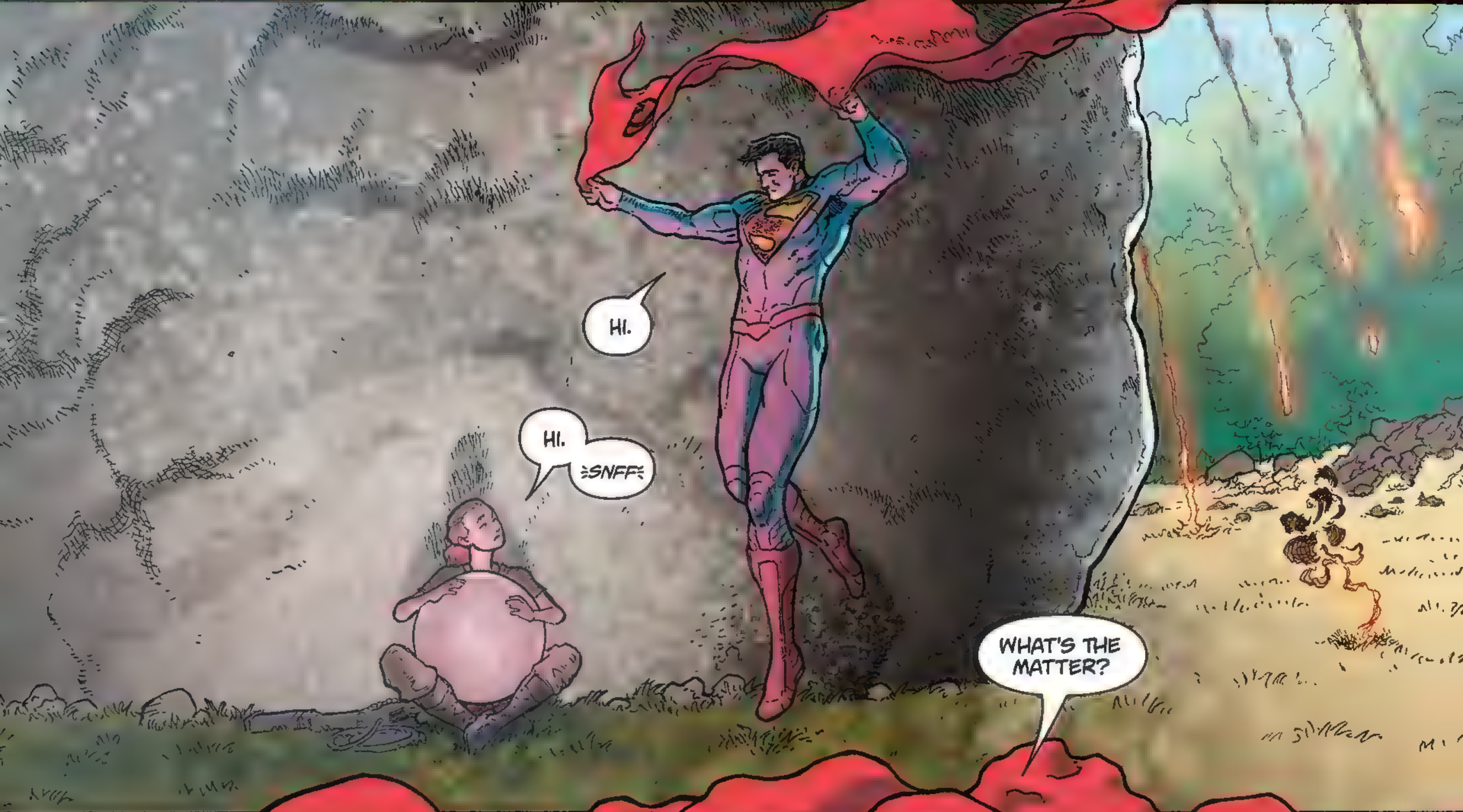
SAFE.

BUT I CAN  
STILL HEAR  
HIM CRYING.













I'M SORRY.

THAT'S... THAT'S THE THIRD TIME YOU'VE SAID THAT TODAY.

HEH.

FIFTH.

ARE YOU... ARE YOU OKAY?

YEAH.

CLARK...

...WE JUST LOST EVERY-THING WE CAME HERE FOR.

IT'S...

...IT'S OKAY TO CRY.



I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA.





HE'S  
MOVING...  
...SO  
FAST--  
FASTER  
THAN WE'VE  
EVER--



HE'S  
COMING  
RIGHT AT  
US!



HE  
KNOWS,  
MA'AM!



CALM  
YOURSELVES,  
KEEPERS.

NO  
MATTER  
HOW STRONG  
HE IS...



...HE'S STILL  
OF THIS  
WORLD.

...AND  
NOTHING  
HE KNOWS  
CAN PREPARE  
HIM FOR

**HARROW.**



**NEXT MONTH:  
THE SECRETS OF THE  
TOWER!**



CHANNEL

52

INVESTIGATIVE  
REPORT!

WHO ARE THE  
RED LANTERNS...

...AND WHAT  
ARE THEY SO  
MAD ABOUT?

WORD HAS IT THAT THESE CRIMSON CRUSADERS  
ARE TAKING OVER FROM THE GREEN LANTERNS  
AS EARTH'S COSMIC POLICE FORCE!

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?  
AND WHAT ABOUT THEIR NEWEST  
RECRUIT...**SUPergirl!!!**



THAT'S AN  
INTERESTING COSTUME  
CHANGE FOR *SUPergirl*!  
HOW WILL SHE TAKE TO ALL  
THE NAPALM AND FIRE-BREATHING  
THE RED LANTERNS ARE SO  
FOND OF? CHANNEL 52  
WANTS TO KNOW!

UGH...  
I THINK I'M  
GOING TO  
BE SICK!





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## HAT'S NEXT?

The first-ever meeting between Earth 2 refugees The Huntress and Power Girl and the Superman and Batman of The New 52! Continuing from last month's explosive start – FIRST CONTACT continues in the pages of Batman/Superman #9 and Worlds' Finest #21! Superman and Batman must confront the truth about Earth 2 while Huntress and Power Girl must finally accept their place in a world that is not their own. A story this big can't be contained to one adventure, so be sure to check out FIRST CONTACT to see hints at what's coming up the rest of the year in The New 52! Fans of Earth 2 will want to pay special attention to these issues!

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